

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS

Please review each licensure method and its requirements to determine which method you will select when registering to use the online application portal. Please note, a licensure method is required before entering application materials. **Choosing the correct method will ensure your application is processed in a timely manner.** If you have questions about which method to choose, please direct your questions to sbdinfo@isbd.idaho.gov

LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

Applicants for licensure by examination must have successfully completed a board approved patient-based clinical examination and a board approved local anesthesia examination within the five years immediately preceding the date of application.

LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS

Applicants for licensure by credentials must hold an active license in another state and meet the minimum licensure and clinical practice requirements. The applicant has been licensed for at least one year, and the applicant has practiced a minimum of 1,000 hours in the two years immediately preceding the date of application. The applicant has successfully completed a board approved patient-based clinical examination and the National Board Dental Hygiene examination. ALL dental hygienists must successfully complete an approved local anesthesia examination. Approved local anesthesia examinations include CRDTS (if taken in 2018), WREB, or Washington State. An applicant who meets all other requirements to be licensed as a dental hygienist by credentials, but has not completed the required local anesthesia examination, may be provisionally licensed to practice dental hygiene without local anesthesia for a period of one (1) year, during which the local anesthesia examination must be successfully completed to qualify for continued licensure.

REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO BOTH LICENSURE METHODS

- Current BLS Certification
- National Board Scores: Original or notarized copy of original via mail, or authorization for online access by State of Idaho from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
- Original or Notarized Copy of Patient-Based Clinical Examination Result*
The following patient-based clinical dental hygiene examinations are accepted for licensure by examination: Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA)

Any state or regional patient-based clinical dental hygiene examination is accepted for licensure by credentials.
- Original or Notarized Copy of Local Anesthesia Examination Result*
- Official Transcripts: Electronic transcripts must come directly from the school and can be emailed to sbdinfo@isbd.idaho.gov. If transcripts are mailed, they must be sent in a sealed envelope.
- Jurisprudence Exam (This will be emailed to you upon receipt of your application.)

**Applicants may login and view/print their exam results from WREB or CDCA. These results may be printed and uploaded with the application. If you are unsure if you have access to these results, please contact the testing agency.*

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS

- Proof of Clinical Practice Affidavit (Affidavits must be received from two (2) individuals with direct knowledge of applicant's clinical practice history. These individuals cannot be immediate family members (e.g. spouse, child, parent). This form can be found on the Board's website under the "Forms" tab.)
- Sterling Report (You will be required to obtain a criminal background report through Sterling, information on how to obtain the report will be sent to you upon receipt of your application.)

PROCESSING TIMES

After submission of an application, you will receive an email acknowledgement from the Board of Dentistry within 1-3 business days.